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**REMARKS SECTION**

Claim 6, as written, was not distinguishable. I have cancelled claim 6 and amended claim 1, which follows this section.

In reference to Hill (US 2,442,895) rejections, the loops are at the hem in the back of the apron. I have added a restriction that the loops for my patent are in the front when in use.

In reference to Williamson (US 5,566,391) there were no arguments against claim 6.

In reference to Smith (US 2002/0029400) she states that the loops "hang down" without describing the orientation of the garment. I have amended claim 1 so that the loops hang downward when the bib is upright or in normal use. Also, the loops for my bib are larger than .200 inches.

In reference to Bronson (US 5,815,834), he is very specific in describing only one loop. My patent describes one or a plurality of loops. His patent also describes a loop formed by a strap, which acts as the harness/vest, not as a means for attaching objects, as mine states.

**I would prefer a phone call as means to resolve any remaining issues, as I believe the amended claims are in condition for allowance. Please call at 651-730-8836.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura S. Niederhofer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Laura S." on the top line and "Niederhofer" on the bottom line.